

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Peptide compositions and methods for inhibiting and controlling the growth of microbes using peptides possessing antimicrobial activity are described. The composition comprises at least one antimicrobial peptide in combination with at least one biocide, germicide, preservative or antibiotic. The method comprises administering an amount of the peptide composition effective for the prevention, inhibition or termination of microbes in industrial and clinical settings.